

REMARKS

Claims 3-7 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

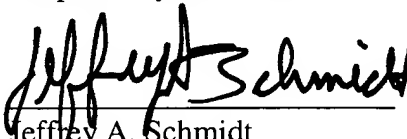
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, without acquiescing in the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has rewritten claim 3 in independent form. Therefore, claim 3, and dependent claims 4-7, should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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